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SUBJECT: INTERIOR MESA FIVE MAN TASK FORCE

REF: STATE 114765

1. SCIATT DISCUSSED PROPOSED VISIT WITH P. B. REES,
DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF MINING, NATIONAL COAL BOARD. NCB
WELCOMES TASK FORCE BUT PREFERS VISIT AFTER SEOTEMBER L.
DUE TO VACATION SHUTDOWN OF MANY MINES IN JULY, AUGUST.
NCB WILL COORDINATE VISIT DIRECTLY FROM HEADQUARTERS
LONDON AND REQUEST MESA NOT, REPEAT NOT CONTACT
INDIVIDUAL MINE MANAGER.

2. MINES SUITABLE STUDY OF MECHANIZATION APPLIED TO
STEEPLY PITCHED SEAMS AS FOLLOWS:

A. SEAFIELD, FIFE, SCOTLAND

38 DEGREE PITCH, 5 FOOT 6 INCH SEAM, ADVANCING
FACE, BENEATH FIRTH OF FORTH, SOME WATER PROBLEMS.

B. FRANCES, SCOTLAND

20 DEGREE PITCH, 4 FOOT SEAM.

C. HEMHEATH, STAFFORDSHIRE

20 DEGREE PITCH, 6 FOOT 6 INCH SEAM, VERY DEEP MINE,
TEMPERATURE PROBLEMS, GASSY.

D. CADLEY HILL, LEICESTERSHIRE

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25 DEGREE PITCH, 5 FOOT SEAM, RETREAT MINING, SPON CO

PROBLEMS

REES ALSO SUGGESTS FOLLOWING VISITS TO GAIN OVERVIEW OF
NCB ADVANCED MECHANIZATION DEVELOPMENTS.

3. BAGWORTH/NAILSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE

CONVEYOR NETWORK, UNDERGROUND BUNKERS, SYSTEM FULLY
MONITORED BY TV CAMERAS WITH SUCACE CONTROL.

4. MINES RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ESTABLISHMENT, BRETBY,
BURTON ON TRENT

NEW TECHNOLOGY FOR ALL PHASES OF COAL MINING INCLUDIN
STEEPLY PITCHED SEAMS.

5. REES SUGGESTS THAT MESA TASK FORCE MAY ALSO WISH TO
VISIT MINES IN FRANCE AND GERMANY WHERE SEAM PITCH IN
SOME CASES EXCEEDS STEEPEST GRADIENT IN UK. HE MENTIONS
MERLEBACH IN LORRAINE BASIN, WHERE 80 DEGREE SEAM IS
WORKED BY SPECIAL METHODS AND RUHR COAL MINE NEAR ESSEN,
CONTACT DR. SANDER, STBV RESEARCH CENTER, WHERE SPECIAL
EQUIPMENT IS USED ON 55 DEGREE SEAM.

6. MESA REQUESTED SUPPLY DATES OF PROPOSED VISIT AND
TASK FORCE NAMES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. SCIATT WILL CO-
ORDINATE VISIT WITH NCB PLUS INTERNAL TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS
IN UK.

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